(b) the quantity of pulses and oilseeds imported during this period; and

(c) the steps taken by government to increase the production of the said items?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Details are given in the Annexure. (*see appendix 178, Annexure No. 45*)

(b) The quantity of Pulses and Oilseeds imported during 1993-94 to 1995-96 is as under:—

S.No.	Item	(Qty. in Lakh Toones) 1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Pulses	6.28	5.55	4.50
2.	Oilseeds (Edible Oils)	1.1.5	3.47	9.85

(c) Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) Oilseeds production Programme (OPP) are under implementation in various States in the country to increase the production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds respectively. Under these programmes, financial assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds, distribution of minikits, rhyzobium culture, gypsum/pyrities, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets etc. In addition, front-line and general demonstrations are organised on farmer's fields to transfer the production technology.

Rail Track between Dhanbad and Pathardih

2072. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank experts have opined that about 2000 Meters of rail track between Dbanbad and Pathardih joining Eastern Railway with South-Eastern Railway can collapse any time;

(b) whether it has also been suggested that this line should be diverted immediately for averting any major accident; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No such report has been received by Eastern Railway from World Bank experts. However, CMD/Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., (BCCL) has advised that a report on the subject matter has been received by them from consultant under Technical Assistance Project of World Bank.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) BCCL authorities have taken necessary action for containing the underground fire by filling trenches with sand/earth etc. This has proved to be effective in containing the fire and there is no immediate danger to railway track.

Creation of the Vice-Principal's Post in Navodaya Vidyalayas

2073. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of Vice-Principals in Navodaya Vidyalayas have recently been created;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) what are the details of norms and rules of their creation and appointment; and

(d) what are the details of those who have since been appointed/promoted thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) 61 posts of Vice-Principals in Navodaya Vidyalayas have been created by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

(b) The post of Vice-Principal is being provided in the Vidyalayas which have reached Class-XII and have at least 350 students. The posts of Vice-Principal are to be filled up by promotion from amongst Post Graduate Teachers with 5 years of regular service in the grade in the Samiti, failing which by transfer on deputation basis.

(c) No promotion/appointment has been made to the post of Vice-Principal.

Conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj and Veraval-Rajkot Section into broad gauge

2074. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the railway lines from Gandhidham to Bhuj and Veraval to Rajkot are likely to be converted into broad gauge;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) what amount is likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) During the 9th Five Year Plan.

(b) Limited availability of resources.

(c) Rs. 100 crores on Rajkot-Veraval and Rs. 26.14 crores on Gandhidham-Bhuj section as per present costs.

वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम तथा राष्ट्रीय वन नीति में संशोधन

2075. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने उद्योगों/गैर-उसरकारी संगठनों को वन-रोपण तथा अन्य कार्यों के लिए वन भूमि उपलब्ध कराने हेतु वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 तथा राष्ट्रीय वन नीति, 1988 में संशोधन करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Refunds in South-Central Railways

2076. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that refunds are not properly given by the South-Central Railways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons for inefficient operation the conerned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that letters are not replied to by the South-Central Railways to aggrieved passengers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the system of refunds in Sounth-Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The present system is working satisfactorily.

Revival of Sick Chemical Plants

2077. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of chemical plants in the country have turned sick over the last three years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revive these units;

(c) if so, the details there of;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to privatise these units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?